




State of North Carolina
Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services
Raleigh

MEMORANDUM

TO: Joint Legislative Program Evaluation Committee

FROM: North Carolina Board of Agriculture
David S. McLeod, Secretary 

DATE: May 1, 2008

SUBJECT: Agricultural Research Facilities Report

At its April 30 meeting, the Board of Agriculture reviewed the draft report of the Program Evaluation Division, and unanimously passed a motion opposing the transfer of any research stations from the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (NCDA&CS) to North Carolina State University (NCSU), and also opposing the sale of any research stations.

The Board also unanimously recommends to the Committee that a comprehensive strategic plan for the State's agricultural research facilities should be prepared under the oversight of the Board, with input from NCSU, N.C. A&T State University, NCDA&CS, farm organizations, commodity associations, and other interested parties.

The Board of Agriculture is composed of ten members appointed by the Governor for six-year terms, and the Commissioner of Agriculture, ex officio. The Board members are appointed to represent the different sections and agricultural interests of the State. The board members are:

- Maurice K. Berry, Elizabeth City, Pasquotank County – General Farming
- Brent Fleming, Halifax, Halifax County – Peanuts
- Billy Holliday, Snow Camp, Alamance County – Livestock and Dairy
- C. Osmond "Ossie" Kearney, Snow Hill, Greene County – Livestock and Dairy
- Kirk Mathis, Roaring River, Wilkes County – Poultry
- Roger D. Oxendine, Rowland, Robeson County – Cotton
- Elbert R. "Bert" Pitt, Jr., Macclesfield, Edgecombe County – General Farming
- Doug Torn, Greensboro, Guilford County – Marketing, Green Industry
- Jeffrey B. "Jeff" Turner, Pink Hill, Lenoir County – Tobacco
- Hyman Young, Jr., Marshall, Madison County – General Farming – Equine

Thank you for consideration of the Board's opinion in this matter, and please let us know if we can provide further information.